

Permits

The Town of Louisville issues permits only for properties in the corporate limits of Louisville. To see if your property is in the corporate limits, please go to www.blountgis.net/blountgis/web-maps/ or call the Louisville Town Hall (865-681-1983).

What requires a permit?

1. New residential or commercial construction.
2. Additions to residential or commercial structures.
3. "Major" alterations/repairs to residential or commercial structures including change of commercial tenants.
4. Demolition of residential or commercial structures.
5. Any grading project not associated with a residential or commercial construction project that requires more than 200 cubic yards of cut/fill.
6. New driveways connecting to Town roads/streets. Driveway permits on State of Tennessee roads (Topside Road and Louisville Road) must be obtained from the Tennessee Department of Transportation (865)594-2456.
7. Fences 7 feet tall or higher.

What does not require a permit?

1. "Cosmetic" upgrades such as new floor, wall and ceiling finishes.
2. Replacing roofs and less than 30% of roof deck (replacing more than 30% of roof deck and/or replacement of roof framing falls into the "major" repair category and would require a permit).
3. Replacing siding, soffits and etc.
4. Replacing gutters and downspouts.
5. Fences not over 7 feet high.
6. One-story detached accessory structures such as storage sheds, playhouses and etc. with a floor area not greater than 200 square feet.
7. Replacing heating/cooling unit.
8. Replacing toilet fixtures, kitchen sinks and water heaters.

How to obtain a permit.

1. Contact Town of Louisville administration for the appropriate planning/permitting process.
2. Refer to the “Building and Permit Checklist” attached to the building permit for further instructions. [Link?](#)
3. For any zoning issues please refer to the “Zoning” section on this website. [Link?](#)
4. If applicable submit two (2) copies site and building plans to the Louisville Planning commission for review/approval.
5. Submit two (2) sets of plans to the codes staff for review/approval (this process takes 2-3 days.)
6. Submit two(2) copies of site plan/sketch showing property boundaries, location of structure(s) & applicable Minimum Yard Requirements (set backs). [Link?](#) See Chapter 8 of Louisville Zoning Ordinance & Ordinance 2012-07
7. Fill out and sign the “Building Permit Application”. [Link?](#)
8. Submit payment of the permit fee. (Check or cash only)
9. The permit, or copy thereof, is to be kept on the job site.

How to get started on a residential project.

1. Obtain a building permit.
2. Contact Blount County Department of Environmental Health (Gary Ferguson 865-681-9502) for location of septic field.
3. Contact either Alcoa Utility Board (865-380-4700) or Fort Loudoun Electric Cooperative (877-353-2674) for temporary electric service.
4. Contact either South Blount County Utility District (865-982-3560) for water service.
5. Refer to the “Building and Permit Checklist” attached to the building permit for further instructions.